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1. IN THE WAKE OF GOC DECISION TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS WIH CUBA, THE COLOMBIAN AIRLINE SAM (SOCIEDAD AERONAUTICA DE MEDELLIN) ANNOUNCED FEB 24 THAT IT HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN FLIGHTS TO CUBA. THE REQUEST IS FOR TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK ON ELECTRA AIRCRAFT, FROM BARRANQUILLA OR CARTAGENA TO HAVANA AND SANTIAGO. SAM EXPECTS AUTHORIZATION FOR ITS REQUEST, WHICH THE DEPARTAMENTO ADMINISTRATIVO DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL (DAAC) SAID WAS THE ONLY SUCH REQUEST RECEIVED TO DATE. (UNCLASSIFIED).
2. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)- ON FEB 10 COL LUIS ENRIQUE MORILLO SUBDIRECTOR OF DAAC, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT A NUMBER OF COLOMBIAN AIRLINES, INCLUDING AEROCONDOR, HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION TO FLY TO CUBA, BUT THAT ANY AUTHORIZATIONS WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT MANY PRIVATE COLOMBIAN AVIATION PEOPLE ARE LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF AN AIR AGREEMENT WITH CUBA. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD
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RESUMABLE INVOLVE RECIPROCAL FLIGHTS BY RUSSO-CUBAN

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WIDE-BODY AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT, AND THERE ARE FEARS THAT
COLOMBIAN AIRLINES WOULD NOT FARE WELL AGAINST SUCH
COMPETITION.
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